

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3, before "**Subject matter of the invention**", please insert the following heading and paragraph:

**"Brief Description of the Drawings**

Figures 1a and 2a depict results of cytometric through flow tests, shown as quadratic analyses."

On page 13, please replace line 4 with the following:

"cyanoborohydride, agarose, ~~ara~~<sup>are</sup> agarose derivatives, silane, silane"